Town of Wilton

Welfare Assistance

Town Hall 42 Main St Wilton, NH 03086 603-654-9451

TOWN OF WILTON

WELFARE ASSISTANCE

Appointments & Contact Information:

Thursday 9:30 – 5:00Tel: 603-654-9451Fax: 603-654-6663

• Email: aclifford@wiltonnh.org

Mission

The Town of Wilton Welfare program was established to fill an emergency need until something else happens such as employment, State Aid, Social Security, etc. We are here to assist in a temporary capacity only. We will assist in directing you to other agencies that can better accommodate your particular needs on a longer term basis. Our assistance is not intended to subsidize rent for someone living beyond one's means.

Each person deserves dedicated time and attention to address individual needs. In order to accomplish this, appointments are required. Please be guided by the times that are available for appointments and be respectful of the need to wait for the appointment and the requirement for the necessary documentation.

If the Town is able to provide financial assistance, reimbursement is expected at a time when it is not a hardship to the client. In the case of homeowners, be mindful that a lien will be placed on your property for the amount of the assistance.

In order to qualify for Town Assistance, there are financial criteria, as well as non-financial requirements. The applicant must stay in compliance with Town Welfare and State Welfare guidelines if assistance is to continue.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to make an appointment every time assistance is requested

APPLYING FOR GENERAL ASSISTANCE

- 1. Make an appointment by calling the Town Offices at 654-9451
- 2. Pick up an application at the Selectmen's Office at Town Hall or Download from the Town of Wilton Website. The application must be completely filled in prior to the appointment.
- 3. Include the documents necessary to support your application.
- 4. If married, both husband and wife must be in attendance at the appointment

Documents to Include in Application.....

Social Security numbers

All members of household

- Photo identification
- Birth certificates for Children
- Car registration
- Rental agreement or Mortgage statement
- Bank Statements, balances
- Copies of all current bills including rent/mortgage receipts, utilities, telephone, cable, internet, storage unit, doctor or medical expenses, car insurance, car repairs, renters or homeowner insurance.
- Paycheck stubs for the previous 4 weeks
- Documentation for other sources of income, (tax refund, child support, state aid, etc.)
- Documentation from other agencies such as State Welfare, Fuel Assistance, Social Security
- Medical Notes, if appropriate

Resources available to you.....

Resources for Homeless

- Department of Health & Human Services
 Nashua office is temporarily closed.
 Call 800-852-3345 X-9700
 (food stamps, Medical, cash assistance)
- 2. Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter 603-889-7770
- 3. Monadnock Area Transitional Shelter 800-529-0025
- 4. Keene Family Shelter Elm St, Keene, NH 603-357-1654
- 5. Keene Single Shelter Water Street, Keene, NH 603-357-1654

Resources for Pregnant Women

- 1. DHHS (Dept of Health & Human Services) 603-883-7726 Medical, Food, Cash Assistance
- 2. WIC Southern NH Services 800-322-1073
- 3. New Generations, Greenland NH 436-4989
- 4. Marguerite's Place, Nashua 598-1582
- 5. Norwell House, Nashua 886-2866

Resources for Food

- Open Cupboard & Food Pantry Maple St Wilton NH Linda 654-2635
- 2. Food Stamps 603-883-7726 M-F 8:00 am – 4:30 PM
- 3. Nashua Soup Kitchen 889-3440

Resources for Housing

- 1. NH Housing Authority 1-800-439-7247 Sect.8
- 2. Milford Apartments Brookstone Manor 135 Elm Street, Milford (603) 673-0126
- 3. Mayo Group (603) 673-1155
- 4. SK Management (603) 878-2400
- 5. Heritage Estates 504 Nashua Street, Suite #206, Milford (603) 673-4800
- 6. Stewart Property Management www.stewartproperty.net.html

Utility and Fuel Resources

Energy Assistance Program

Southern New Hampshire Services Inc

Milford Library annex 883-0756

Donated Automobiles

http://www.freecharitycars.org/ http://www.goodnewsgarage.org/ Apply/New-Hampshire.aspx http://archive.seacoastonline.com/ /2000news/9 10biz.htm

Fuel Assistance
Weatherization
Electric Assistance
Neighbor Helping Neighbor

www.snhs.org

What is the Electric Assistance program?

The Electric Assistance Program (EAP) provides qualifying Public Service of NH (PSNH) and NGRID electric customers with a discount of 5% to 70% on their monthly electric bill. Renters, subsidized renters and homeowners who receive an electric bill may apply for the EAP. Eligibility is determined by total household income, the number of household members and available funding. The application can be taken at the same time that you apply for the Fuel Assistance Program. EAP income guidelines are lower than the FAP income guidelines.

Cases may be Wait listed due to funding

Fuel Assistance Program:

The fuel Assistance Program (FAP) provides benefits, on a funds available basis, to qualified households in NH to help heat homes or apartments during the heating season. The office of Energy and planning provides money to six local Community Action Programs, who distribute it to qualified households throughout the state.

Am I eligible?

Eligibility and benefits for these programs are determined by Gross household income, number of household members and heating costs. Income is based upon a household's gross monthly income for 30 days prior to the date of application.

How do I apply?

Call your local office to make an appointment to apply.

NH Helpline

1-800-852-3388

Services provided by NH Helpline Include:

Information on social service and non-profit agencies available for emergency assistance.

Referral to appropriate agencies for assistance with basic needs such as food, housing, financial assistance, utilities, transportation, and clothing.

Advocacy for clients experiencing challenges with obtaining necessary services to meet their basic needs.

Aid in crises involving child or elder abuse, homelessness, domestic or sexual violence, and alcohol or drug abuse.

Coverage and crisis intervention during after-hours for many social service and non-profit agencies throughout the state.

Statewide Homeless Hotline

The Hotline is answered 24 hours a day by trained information and referral specialists. Referrals are provided to individuals or families who are homeless, or in danger of becoming homeless, to such agencies as state and local welfare offices or housing assistance programs. The Hotline also assists in locating emergency shelter and connecting people with Homeless Outreach Workers in their community.

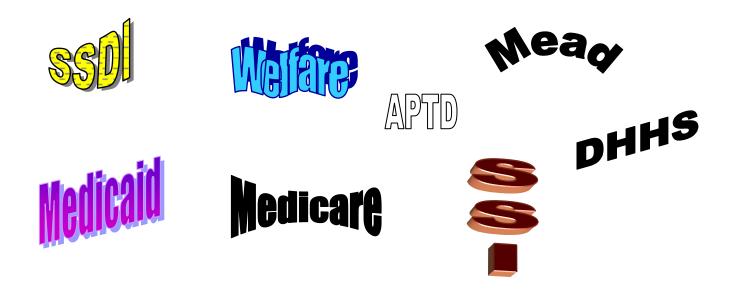
Unite to Help

UTH is a security deposit loan program designed to assist people who can afford to pay a monthly rent on an apartment once the security deposit has been secured.

HICEAS

The Health Insurance counseling and Education Assistance Service is a statewide program that provides free, confidential health insurance information and counseling for Medicare, Medicare Savings Program, Medicaid, Medigap, Prescription Drug Assistance, and Long Term Insurance Issues.

Are you disabled?



What if the doctor tells you that you are not physically or mentally able to go to work at this time? How are you going to pay your bills? There's help in New Hampshire.

What do all these terms mean? Here's a brief description of each of these services.

APTD

APTD stands for Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled. It's a serious name for a form of Medicaid, which is administered by the State. This is for adults who have been determined eligible by the Department of Health & Human Services. In order to qualify, an individual must have a disabling condition, documented by a physician. Per State Statute (RSA 167:27), if a person receives APTD, he/she is not eligible for town assistance.

DHHS

DHHS stands for Department of Health & Human Services, which is located at 19 Chestnut Street in Nashua. This is where one would go to apply for Food Stamps, Medicaid, Elderly & Adult Services, as well as other programs. If applying for Town Welfare, it will most likely be a requirement that you also apply for any appropriate services at DHHS.

19 Chestnut Street, Nashua 603-883-7726

MEAD

MEAD is a Medicaid program for someone who has been deemed as disabled, but is still able to work. MEAD is short for Medicaid for Employed Adults with Disabilities. You can collect SSDI, but still earn some money. Consult with your doctor to determine when it would be appropriate for you to return to some kind of job, and what type of employment is best for you. Call 883-7726 for more information, or speak to a representative at Social Security 880-0295.

MEDICAID

This is the health care program for the needy in NH. It includes prescription coverage. You need to apply at DHHS. There are a lot of forms and it is income-based, as well as your needing a medical diagnosis. If you are close to qualifying, but have a little more money coming into the household than straight Medicaid allows, you may be required to pay a spend-down each month – kind of like a deductible. Once it is documented that you have paid the spend-down, then you may eligible for 100% coverage for the remainder of the month. http://www.dhhs.state.nh.us

MEDICARE

Medicare is a federally administered program. It is for health care for the elderly and disabled. If you are under the age of 65, you still may be eligible for Medicare (in addition to Medicaid in some cases), if you have been deemed as disabled for at least two years. Medicare offers Part A (hospital), Part B (medical), and Part D for prescriptions. If you have questions on bills, you can contact a member of HICEAS by calling 1-800-852-3388. http://www.medicare.gov http://www.familiesusa.org http://www.ssa.gov/

DISABILITIES RIGHTS CENTER

18 Low Avenue, Concord NH 03301-4971 1-800-834-1721 www.drcnh.org

SSDI

This stands for Social Security Disability Income. The federal government administers this program. You must apply at the local Social Security office. SSDI is a monthly income program. It is set up to help individuals who may not be able to earn an income on their own. In order to receive it, you must have paid into the system, worked a certain amount of quarters, and earned a certain amount of money. The Social Security office has all of the requirements. And if you are eligible, ask the Social Security office how this may affect your retirement amount later on. Applying for SSDI is not quick or easy. There is a lot of paperwork and you will be required to go to doctor's appointments. A decision may be made in your favor (granting approval), or denied – stating you are not eligible to collect. If you are denied, there is an appeals process, which, if you pursue, may take months. Often times, more documentation is needed in order for Social Security to make a decision. It is your responsibility to provide everything that is requested.

175 Amherst Street, Suite 2 Nashua, NH 03064 603-880-0295 / 1-800-772-1213 http://www.ssa.gov/

SSI

SSI is Supplemental Security Income – a federal program based on income. You must be income-qualified and meet certain criteria in order to be eligible. This is a monthly cash benefit program. It is for someone who is deemed as disabled, but does not qualify for SSDI, or is in addition to their monthly SSDI. It is the same program that may help children of a parent who has died or is disabled.

WELFARE

In New Hampshire, there is both <u>state welfare</u> and <u>local welfare</u>. State Welfare is DHHS (Department of Health & Human Services). Local Welfare is based out of Town Hall/City Hall in your local town/city. DHHS is located in Nashua for Wilton residents. And local welfare for Wilton residents is located at Town Hall on Main Street. You may call 654-9451 to make an appointment. Neither state nor town welfare is a quick or easy process. Both require a lot of documentation, and the burden is on you to supply all the necessary paperwork. In order to be eligible, certain requirements will be made. Failure to meet all requirements will result in a denial of assistance.

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

Even if you have been deemed as disabled, you still may be able to return to work. You may have to take a job that meets accommodations and one that has limitations. "Voc Rehab" may be able to train you for a new line of work.

25 Riverside St # 102 Nashua, NH 03062 (603) 889-6844 1-800-635-9614 http://www.ed.state.nh.us/education

VERIFICATIONS REQUIRED FROM WELFARE APPLICANTS

The following information must be presented at the time of your appointment. A good-faith effort to obtain any information which is not immediately available, may not delay processing. If you cannot obtain requested verifications, alternative means of providing the required proof will be discussed. Failure to make a good-faith effort to obtain required verifications or to complete the application may delay processing of the application or may result in denial of assistance.

- 1. **Identification** Proof of identification such as picture ID, license, birth certificate, social security card.
- 2. **Marital Status** Proof of marriage, divorce, or separation.
- 3. **Children** Birth or baptismal certificate, and Social Security Cards.
- 4. **Residency** Mortgage information, lease, rent receipt, or statement from person with whom you are staying or from whom you are renting. Include Mailing address and Tel # of Landlord or Mortgage Company. (Welfare Official is responsible for obtaining a Rental Verification form.)
- 5. **Expenses** Bills from electric, gas, oil, propane, telephone, cable, storage unit, credit cards, medical facilities, cell phone, internet access, insurance, car payment, car repair, child support payments, Insurance etc. Documentation of all expenses (showing where money has been spent) for household members for the 4 weeks prior to appointment.
- 6. **Income** Recent paycheck stubs, dating back to 4 weeks prior to appointment. (If necessary, a Wage Verification form will be used by the Welfare Official.)

 Documentation on any court ordered support payments, child support, Workers' Compensation, Social Security benefits, Unemployment, gifts/loans from family/friends, etc., and any other income received by the household for all adults and children.
- 7. **State Aid** Documentation on State Assistance TANF, Food Stamps, Health benefits, Child Care, etc. or Termination Notice from State Welfare office.
- 8. **Property** Proof of real or personal property, such as registrations or deeds for all motor vehicles, trailers, boats, RVs, ATVs, motorcycles, snowmobiles, ownership of houses and/or land whether or not you're living there, etc.
- 9. **Cash Resources** Bank statements showing balances and transactions for all savings, checking, credit union, 401K accounts, stocks, bonds, trusts, etc. If children have stocks or bonds, must provide proof that neither they nor you have access to funds.
- Unemployment Termination notice from previous employer (or Verification of Termination of Employment form may be used by Welfare Official).
 Documentation of Unemployment appointments and job searches.
- 11. **Medical** If unable to work due to medical reason, a note from a physician is required stating medical condition and how it affects ability to be employed. Receipts for any prescriptions and medical supplies.

NOTICE OF RIGHTS OF ANYONE RECEIVING ASSISTANCE FROM THE Town of Wilton

You have the following rights:

- 1. You have a right to make a written application for assistance, even if the welfare officer tells you that you are not eligible.
- 2. You have a right to receive a prompt written decision telling you whether or not you will receive assistance each time you apply for assistance.
- 3. You have a right to have in writing the reason why you have been denied assistance or have been given only some of the assistance you requested.
- 4. You have a right to appeal any decision you do not agree with. You must appeal within five (5) working days after you received your decision.
- 5. You have a right to have a hearing to present your case.
- 6. You have a right have your assistance continued if you are already receiving assistance when you request a fair hearing.
- 7. You have a right to review the information in your file before your hearing.
- 8. You have a right to see the guidelines used by the welfare officer in making decisions on your application.
- 9. You have a right to be given a written notice of conditions before you are suspended from receiving assistance for failing to obey the guidelines.
- 10. You have a right to refuse to participate in municipal workfare program or to conduct a job search if you must care for a child under the age of five (5), if you are disabled or ill, or if you must take care of a member of your family who is disabled or ill.

Town of Wilton APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE

ate of Application	Referr	ed by	
. General Information	<u>ı</u> :		
Name		Date of Birth	
Address			
Telephone	SS #	US Citizen?_	
Marital Status	Rent or Own?	How long at this	·
address?			
Spouse/Co-Applicant	t Name	SS#	
Spouse address (if n	ot same as applicant)		
Yes □ No □ W	local assistance before? (Tov		
	ns living in your household		ame:
Full Name	Relationship	Date of Birth	SS #
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If at your current add	lress less than 12	months, plea	se list pas	st 12 month's	
addresses: Street	Town/Stat	e	Dates		
Housing Information					
Rent amount \$			•		
Do you have a current Writ	: □ Demand For R	ent □□ Notice	to Quit □□	Landlord/Tenant	
Total rent owed		Do you have a	housing s	ubsidy?	_
Utilities Included: He	eat 🗆 🗆 Electric 🛭	□□ Gas □□ W	/ater/Sewe	er 🗆 🗆 Other	
LANDLORD: Name			Tel	ephone	
Address					
If Home Owner: Month					
Bank/Mortgage Co			Address		
Bank/Mortgage Co Tel	l #	Loa	ın ID #		
Education / Training /	Employment:				
	Highest Grade Attended	G.E.D. or <u>Diploma</u>	<u>Special</u>	Training or Skills	Military <u>Service</u>
Applicant:					
Spouse/Co-Applicant:					
Applicant Work Histo	ory:				
Are you employed now	v? Emplo	yer		Position	
When began work		Date/Amount c	f most rec	ent check	
Are you unemployed n	now?	Reason			
Date last worked	Employer		D	ate/Amount last check	<u> </u>
Are you able to work n	ow? If n	not able why no	nt?		

Current and two most recent jobs: applicant & household members aged 18 & older:

Employer	Dates of employment	Reason for leaving	Net Pay amount	Weekly/ bi weekly

Household Assets:

Provide information regarding accounts held by you and all household members:

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	value of any assets h				- - - s:
Cash on hand (all	household combined)		Certificates	of Deposit	(CDs)
Savings Bonds_	Mutual Fu	nds	Annuities_		Stocks
Trust Funds	Retirement Acc	ounts	Ins Policy(s	s) (cash valı	ue)
401KP	roperty other than prim	ary residence		Location	
Other Investment	s N	/lotorcycles/Bo	ats/Snowmobile	es/ATVs/RV	's
Other Assets (ple	ase list)				

Claims/settlements/inc	come due to you or any h	ousehold member	
IRS Refund	_Insurance Claim	Retroactive disability check	
	ent or Worker's Compensa		
Inheritance			
Other Lump Sum Payme	ent (explain)		
Legal:			
	nold member consulted a lang? Yes □ No □□□If	wyer regarding a possible lawsuit yes, please give details	
Lawyer Name/Address_			
Reason			
Vehicles			
Motor vehicles, Boats, R household members:	RV's, Snow Mobile, Motorcy	cle(s) owned by you and all	

Asset	Model	Year	Value	Mo Pmt	Owner

4. Household Income

Benefits or income received or applied for by you or any household member:

		Amt/month	Date <u>Applied</u>	Date Last <u>Received</u>
ANB (Aid to the Needy Blin	ıd)			
APTD				
Child Support				
Disability (Employer)				
Food Stamps				
Fuel Assistance				
Gifts/Loans				
Maternity Benefits				
Medicaid				
OAA (Old Age Assistance)				
Retirement				
Severance Pay				
Social Security				
SSDI (SS Disability)				
SSI (Supplemental Security	y)			
TANF				
Unemployment				
Vacation Pay				
Veteran's Pension				
Vocational Rehabilitation				
WIC(Women/Infants/Childr	en)			
Worker's Compensation				
Other: [

Name	Agency Name	<u>Contact</u>
	Jular monthly expenses . (Not all expenses)	
, ,	Diapers	•
Bus/Cab	Electric	Prescriptions
Cable/Internet	Food	Rent
Child Support Paid	Fuel Oil	Rent-To-Own
Car Gasoline	Gas, Bottled	School Loan
Car Insurance	Gas, Natural	Storage
Car Payment	Health Insurance	Telephone
Cell Phone	Cigarettes	Other
Condo Fee	Laundry	Other
Child Care	Loan	Other
Credit Card	Lot Rent	Other
List unplanned, emerge days:	ncy or irregular periodic expenses Drivers License	s during the past 30
Car Registration	Fines/Court Payments	Sewer/Water
Car repair	Home Repairs	Tax/Income/Property)
Dental	Home/Rent Insurance	Other

6.	<u>Criminal Information</u>		
	Have you or any member of your household ever	been convicted of a felony which has	
	not been annulled? (yes/no) If yes, who?	When?	
	Town/City & State of conviction	Details of conviction:	
	Are you or any member of your household present	ntly on parole or probation? (yes/no)	
	If yes, who? Cou	urt or jurisdiction?	
	Name & phone number of parole/probation officer		
7.	Liability for Support Information		
	Please provide following details:		
	Your parent	_Address	
	Your parent	_Address	
	Co-applicant parent	_Address	
	Co-applicant parent	_Address	
	Your or co-applicant's adult children		

8. Certifications and Signatures

I understand that if I receive assistance from the municipality I may be required to participate in the welfare work program ("workfare"). (RSA 165:31)

I understand that I may be required to repay any assistance provided, after deduction of the value of workfare hours I have completed, if I am returned to an income status which enables me to reimburse without financial hardship. (RSA 165:20-b).

I understand that if I am assisted, the municipality may place a lien against any real property which I own. (RSA 165:28)

I hereby certify that if I have a lawsuit, worker's compensation claim, or aid from any other social service agency now pending, I have listed these in this application. I further agree to notify the Welfare Official immediately upon receipt of any money from or upon the settlement of such claim. I understand that if I am assisted, the municipality may place a lien against any property, settlement, or civil judgment for personal injuries, which I receive within six years of receiving municipal assistance. (RSA 165-28a)

I hereby certify that the information I have provided on this application is complete to the best of my knowledge and belief and provides a true summary of my income, assets and needs. I understand I may be required to provide documents and/or other forms of verification to prove the information requested on this application. I hereby certify that all information I will provide in response to questions asked by the welfare official is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that if I knowingly give false information or withhold information related to my receipt of assistance, now or in the future, I may be prosecuted for the crime of Unsworn Falsification (RSA 641:3)

I understand that if I obtain a job after I am assisted by the municipality, and I later quit the job without good cause, I may be ineligible for local assistance from the municipality and any other New Hampshire municipality for a period of up to ninety days. (RSA 165:1-d)

I understand that if I am a recipient of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) cash benefits and I fail to comply with TANF regulations, leading to a sanction and loss of income, the municipality may, under certain circumstances, disregard this decrease in my income. (RSA 165:1-e)

Applicant Signature	Date
Spouse or Co-applicant Signature	Date
Signature of person completing form (If not applicant)	Date

REQUIRED VERIFICATIONS

Applicant Name:	Date:			
Social Security Number:	DOB:			
Address:	Phone:			
VOLID ADDOINTME	NT IS SCHEDULED FOR:			
TOUR APPOINTME	NT IS SCHEDULED FOR:			
You must provide the following ver or assistance may be delayed or	rification/documentation at this appointment enied:			
Completed Application Form				
Rental Verification Form				
Last four week pay-stubs or other	proof of net wages			
Last four week's receipts or other	proof of bills paid or currently due			
Employment verification form from	your employer			
Employment termination form from	your last employer			
You have applied for / are receiving Social Security benefits				
You have applied at the HHS Distr	rict Office for:			
☐ Emergency Food Stamps	s □ Food Stamps □TANF			
☐ Title XX Daycare	□ APTD/MA □ OAA			
☐ TANF Emergency Assista	ance			
You have applied for / are receiving	ng Fuel Assistance benefits			
Verification of injury or illness				
You have applied for / are receiving	ng Unemployment Compensation			
If available, picture ID (Adults); Bir	rth certificate/SS card (minors)			
Vehicle registration				
Savings and checking account, liq	uid asset statements, bankbooks			
Statement child support payments	received / Child support court order			
Statement from room-mate(s) rega	arding division of expenses			
Other:				
	ndicated information may result in delay and/or I understand that if approved for assistance I articipate in workfare.			
Applicant signature				

TOWN OF WILTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION – From Dept of Health & Human Services (DHHS)

Human Services (Dinis)		
I,	om the New Hampshire Department of assistance (DFA). When information atthorize DFA to release the following	
Type of Information	Purpose for Requesting this Information	
Date of DFA application(s), type(s) of assistance applied for, date of eligibility determination, expected date of benefit issuance, amount of cash grant (if applicable) and/or the reason my case closed or my application was denied	Basic administration of my local welfare assistance case including verification of information provided by me for determining eligibility for local welfare assistance	
Date my Medicaid case opened and my Medicaid Identification Number(s)	Processing of Medicaid reimbursements if/when, during the time my Medicaid application was pending, the local welfare administrator makes an expenditure on my behalf for an item covered by Medicaid	
Date of any sanction of my cash	Determining countable household income also	
assistance grant Reason for any sanction of my cash assistance grant	called "deeming" Helping me to remove the sanction	
I understand that I have the option to provide any or all of the requested information myself. I understand that any use of the above information inconsistent with these purposes is forbidden. I understand that the local welfare administrator may not release information provided under this authorization to any other person without my written permission. This authorization shall expire 180 days from the date it is signed.		
Signature	Date	
If the signature above is not that of the perspertains, the relationship of the signer to that perspectations, and verification that the signer has these matters with DFA must be provided upon D	son must be indicated, the signature must some the authority to represent the person in	
Witness relationship to you	 Date	

Applicant's Authorization to Furnish information (Specific agency/individual)

municipal welfare official may verify	y information of the general assistance program, a y information I have provided on my application for on that would affect my eligibility. My signature belowTown/City of Wilton welfare official, to obtain
	pplication for general assistants benefits.
This authorization shall expire one	year from the date it is signed.
A photocopy of this signed authorization may be used in place of an original.	
Applicant	 Date
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Welfare administrator	